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C O N F I D E N T I A L TAIPEI 2561

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, TW

SUBJECT: RUMORS OF CABINET SHIFT

REF: A. TAIPEI 2329; B. TAIPEI 1291

1. WE HAVE HEARD A NUMBER OF RUMORS SUGGESTING A CABINET RESHUFFLE IN THE NEAR FUTURE, PROBABLY FUELED BY THE ANTICIPATED SUB-CABINET SHIFTS REPORTED REF B, BY RECENT TAIWAN SHIH PAO ARTICLES REPORTING RUMORS AND BY THE CHUNG YANG JIH PAO (CYJP) EDITORIAL REPORTED REF A HINTING AT SHIFTS IN THE KMT.

2. FRED CHIEN (CHIEN FU, 6929/1788) HAD TOLD THE CHARGE APRIL 27 THAT HE EXPECTED HIS APPOINTMENT AS VICE FOREIGN MINISTER TO BE ANNOUNCED AT THE CABINET MEETING ON MAY 8 AND THAT HE WOULD BE REPLACED AS DIRECTOR OF THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION OFFICE BY DING MOU-SHAIK (TING MAO-SHIH 0002/2021/2514), DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF AFRICAN AFFAIRS, MOFA. DELAY IN THIS ANNOUNCEMENT SUGGESTS THE POSSIBILITY THAT IT MAY BE HELD UP TO COINCIDE WITH OTHER SHIFTS.

3. THE FOLLOWING RUMORS ARE BEING BRUITED: HSU CHING-CHUNG (1776/1987/6988) VICE PREMIER TO RETIRE; HSIEH TUNG-MIN, (6200/2639/7036) GOVERNOR OF TAIWAN TO VICE PREMIER; LIN  
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CHIN-SHENG (2651/6855/3932) MINISTER OF INTERIOR TO GOV-

ERNOR; LI TENG-HUI, MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO TO MINISTER OF INTERIOR; CHANG FENG-HSU (1738/6265/4872), MAYOR OF TAIPEI TO MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO; LT. GENERAL CHEN SHOU-SHAN (7115/1343/1472), COMMANDANT OF THE POLITICAL WARFARE SCHOOL (AND BELIEVED TO BE THE ONLY TAIWANESE GENERAL OFFICER) TO MAYOR OF TAIPEI.

4. COMMENT: WE HAVE NO TLRD INFORMATION TO SUBSTANTIATE THESE RUMORS; HOWEVER, A CABINET RESHUFFLE HAS BEEN EXPECTED FOR AT LEAST THE LAST YEAR-ALTHOUGH TIMING NOW APPEARS RATHER SOON AFTER PRESIDENT CHIANG'S DEATH. MOST OF THOSE RUMORED TO MOVE WOULD BE TAIWANESE, BUT THE NUMBER OF TAIWANESE IN THE CABINET WOULD REMAIN THE SAME.  
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